

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-2-19 Building Date: 1881 and 1911

Building Name: The First Bowie School

Location: 8310 Chestnut Avenue (west side), Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The first Bowie School is a large, five-bay, one-story frame school building, covered with green shingle. Entrance is in the fourth bay of the principal east facade, sheltered by a one-story hip-roof Tuscan porch across the entire east facade. The building stands on a high brick foundation. The hip roof has been rebuilt, and is presently covered with gray asbestos shingle.

Significance

The first Bowie School is a noticeable landmark in this nineteenth-century railroad town. Built in 1881, it was the first school building in the railroad junction town of Huntington/Bowie, which had been subdivided and developed beginning in 1870. In 1912, the frame schoolhouse was replaced by a larger two-story brick school building of Foursquare plan; this brick schoolhouse still stands several blocks north between 7th and 8th Streets. Soon after the brick schoolhouse opened in 1912, the old frame schoolhouse was closed, and the roof was rebuilt. It was sold by the Board of County School Commissioners, and converted into a dwelling; it has served that purpose since that time.

Acreage: 7,500 Square feet

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic <sup>FIRST Bowie</sup>  
 Schoolhouse

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 8310 Chestnut Avenue  not for publication

city, town Bowie  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary Thackeray & Katherine Ryon

street & number 8306 Chestnut Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code MD 20715

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 5147

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 466

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1881, 1912 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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5 MI. TO INTERSTATE 495

47°30' 345

346

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D C—1972

347 2.1 MI. TO MD. 450

348000m E. 76°



20 FEET LEVEL

PG# 71B-2-19  
 First Bowie Schoolhouse  
 Bowie  
 Prince George's County  
 Laurel Quadrangle

- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Light-duty
  - Unimproved dirt
  - State Route
  - Interstate Route

**LAUREL, MD.**  
 SE/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE  
 N3900—W7645/7.5

MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS  
 WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242  
 SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1965  
 PHOTOREVISED 1971  
 AMS 5662 III SE—SERIES V833



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FIRST BROS SCHOOLHOUSE  
8310 Chestnut Ave., Basele  
P.A. Co.

Susan L. Pearl

January 1991

East Jacade



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Loretta Boore Schoolhouse  
8310 Chestnut Ave., Boore, P.A. Co.  
Susan L. Paul  
November 1991  
Postcard 3/4 election